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## Highlights

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### LEADING THE NEWS

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#### New York Sues EPA Over Interstate Ozone Pollution (2)

By Brian Flood (Bloomberg) and John Herzfeld (Bloomberg Environment)

New York is suing the Environmental Protection Agency to try to compel the agency to act against air pollution drifting from power plants and other pollution sources in upwind states.

### ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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#### Government Methodology for Reporting Discarded Fish Upheld

By Bernie Pazanowski

The government's methodology for reporting bycatch—fish that are caught but can't be used—doesn't violate the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the D.C. Circuit said April 12.

### **Trump (Still) Digs Coal, Energy Official Reassures Industry**

By Stephen Lee

Coal executives received assurances April 12 that the Trump administration still supports them as an Energy Department official reiterated the president's promise to bring back the industry.

### **Senate Dems Launch Bid to Extend Abandoned Mine Cleanup Funding**

By Stephen Lee

Six Democratic senators began an effort April 11 to renew a fee on coal companies used to pay for the cleanup of abandoned mines, a top priority for environmentalists and many coal state residents.

### **'Coal First': Trump's Latest Idea to Help Coal Is Mini Plants**

By Ari Natter

President Donald Trump's latest idea to save coal-fired power plants: shrink them.

### **EPA Mulls Disclosing Info on Refiners Seeking Biofuel Waivers**

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy and Mario Parker

The Environmental Protection Agency is asking for public comment on a plan to divulge more details about small refineries seeking exemptions from U.S. biofuel mandates, including data previously shielded as confidential business information.

### **White House Environment Official Touts Coal-Rescue Efforts**

By Stephen Lee

Congress' nixing of a pending rule to curb pollution from mountaintop removal mining is saving the coal industry \$80 million a year, a White House environmental official said April 11.

## **Chevron-Anadarko Deal Shows Why Natural Gas Is Big Oil's Future**

By Christine Buurma and Alix Steel

Chevron Corp.'s \$33 billion deal to buy Anadarko Petroleum Corp. underscores how Big Oil is increasingly becoming Big Gas.

## **CHEMICALS**

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### **Judge Orders Bayer to Pursue Talks in Roundup Cancer Litigation**

By Joel Rosenblatt

A U.S. judge ordered Bayer AG to pursue mediation with plaintiffs claiming that its Roundup weedkiller causes cancer, asking the company to try to settle lawsuits that have wreaked havoc on its share price.

### **U.S. Agriculture Secretary Blasts Vietnam Over Glyphosate Ban (1)**

By Pat Rizzuto and Adam Allington

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said Vietnam's decision to ban glyphosate-based weedkillers will harm agriculture globally.

## **AIR, WATER, AND WASTE**

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### **ARCO Can't Beat Superfund Claim Over Montana Smelter Site**

By Peter Hayes

Atlantic Richfield Co. failed to shake off a \$7 million Superfund claim by Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. over contamination at an aluminum smelter site in Columbia Falls, Mont.

## **Apollo Metals Beats Atlantic Holdings Hazardous Waste Suit**

By Peter Hayes

Apollo Metals Ltd. brushed back federal hazardous waste claims brought by Atlantic Holdings Ltd. over alleged ground water contamination.

## **Johnson Controls Can't Keep Class Water Claims in Federal Court**

By Peter Hayes

Johnson Controls Inc. can't keep class action water contamination claims in federal court after the plaintiffs dismissed their Clean Water Act claim.

## **CLIMATE**

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### **Oregon's Walden Seen as Linchpin to House Climate Compromise**

By Dean Scott

Oregon Rep. Greg Walden is seen by fellow Republicans as a bellwether for whether House GOP lawmakers might work with Democrats to address climate change, particularly on measures to boost advanced energy technologies and energy efficiency.

### **Trump Green Retirement Probe's Targets Are Few, Murky**

By Warren Rojas

President Donald Trump's probe into whether socially conscious investing is harming retirees could be its own waste of energy, financial industry participants said.

## **FROM THE STATES**

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### **California's Newsom Signals PG&E, Edison Will Get Wildfire Help**

By Mark Chediak and Romy Varghese

California Governor Gavin Newsom called on lawmakers to find a way to help the state's utilities cover the costs of devastating wildfires that have forced its largest power company PG&E Corp. into bankruptcy.

### **Two New Projects to Boost Wisconsin's Solar Use by 600 Percent**

By Stephen Joyce

Wisconsin state officials approved two solar projects that will produce up to 450 megawatts by 2020, a 600 percent increase over the state's current solar production.

### **Ohio Set to Jump on Nuclear Subsidy Bandwagon With Bailout Bill**

By Jim Efstathiou Jr.

Ohio will become the latest state to propose a bailout for nuclear power plants with a bill lawmakers plan to introduce April 12.

## **AROUND THE GLOBE**

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### **Ho Chi Minh City Seeks Cleaner Approach to Mounting Waste**

By Lien Hoang

On some days, the illegal burning of trash on Vietnam's roadsides becomes so noxious, commuters drive through russet-colored smoke, unable to see the road.

### **Mosaic Halts Brazil Mining Operations After Vale Dam Disaster**

By Gerson Freitas Jr. and Ashley Robinson

Mosaic Co. will idle production in some of its Brazilian phosphate mines following Vale SA's dam disaster earlier this year.

### **Seven European Nations Demand EU Agriculture Deforestation Curbs**

By Joe Kirwin

The European Union must urgently adopt strict new rules such as trade sanctions to halt demand for biofuels and other agricultural products that are harvested from deforested land, seven European nations are saying.

## **A Stadium Full of Sand Needed to Prop U.K.'s Teetering Gas Link**

By Rachel Morison and Demetrios Pogkas

Britain's only link with continental Europe's natural gas network is at risk of tumbling into the North Sea, prompting a rescue involving thousands of tons of sand.

## **Fear Grips Norway's Oil Industry as Political Risk Explodes**

By Mikael Holter

Oil companies in Norway may pay some of the highest taxes and wages in the world but they could always count on support in the halls of power.



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